



City of Boston
Public Works Department
Sanitation Division
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Guidelines for Refuse and Recycling Collection

Trash barrels and garbage bags

1. Residents shall use barrels with adequate storage capacity for the refuse generated in their home. The barrels shall be metal or durable plastic, not larger than 20 inches in diameter or more than 28 inches in height, and not to exceed than 30 gallons in capacity. Securely tied 30-gallon garbage bags of 2-mil plastic.

Paper bags, cartons, boxes may not be used.

2. Refuse and recycling containers shall not be placed out before 5:00 PM of the evening before the day of the scheduled collection, but not later than 7:00 AM of the scheduled collection day. Containers shall be removed from the sidewalk or alley as soon as possible and not later than 12 hours after collection.

Acceptable Materials for Rubbish Collection

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| • air conditioner* | • household appliances |
| • ashes (from furnace or stove) | • mattress and box spring |
| • clothes' dryer* | • carpet – no longer than 3ft. in |
| length and tied | |
| • dishwasher* | • refrigerator* |
| • food waste | • stove* |
| • furniture | • wall paper |
| • hot water heater* | • washing machine* |
| • televisions and computer monitors* | |

* Note these items are recycled. Refrigerators, air conditioners, televisions and computer monitors are collected separately from your household trash. To schedule a pickup on the next available collection day for refrigerators, air conditioners, televisions and computer monitors call the Sanitation Department at 617-635-7574.

Unacceptable Rubbish

- automotive components
- oil drums
- bricks
- plumbing fixtures (toilets, pipes, etc.)
- construction materials
- propane tanks
- demolition materials
- recyclable materials*
- dirt, rocks, stones
- tires*
- fire debris
- yard waste*
- fences
- hazardous materials—flammable/toxic products
- Items exceeding 350 pounds or 2 cubic yards in volume

Note:

If recyclable, residents shall recycle these items or call the Recycling Department 617-635-4959 for further information. If reusable, donate to charity. Otherwise, residents shall hire a commercial rubbish hauler to collect these items. Look in Yellow Pages for listing.

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Recyclable Materials for weekly curbside collection

Household Paper place in paper bag **next to** recycling Blue Box

- brown bags
- newspaper
- catalogs
- cereal boxes
- junk mail
- cardboard (3'x 3' or less, flatten & place under Blue Box)
- milk cartons
- paperback books
- telephone books
- white and colored paper
- magazines

Household Containers **place in** recycling Blue Bin

- glass bottles and jars
- juice boxes
- plastic containers #1-7
- tin & aluminum food & soda cans
- no plastic bags

Note:

residents living in households with 1 to 6 units can obtain a blue recycling bin by calling 617-635-4959. Apartment building landlords and property managers are required per city ordinance to provide recycling in their residences. They can participate in the city recycling services by calling 617-635-4959. Office hours 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday thru Friday.

TV & Computer Monitor Recycling

Televisions and computer monitors are collected separately from your trash and other recyclable items. To schedule a pickup call the Sanitation Department at 617-635-7574
Office hours are 6:00 AM to 3:00 PM, Monday thru Friday.

Seasonal Yard Waste Collection

Yard Waste (leaves, weeds, grass, hedge trimmings, brush up to one inch in diameter and 3 feet in length) is collected for composting.

- Spring curbside collection: First 4 Saturdays in May
- Fall curbside collection: last Saturday in October, first 3 Saturdays in November and first 2 Saturdays in December
- Put yard waste in open barrels or paper leaf bags. Tie brush with string. Do not use plastic bags
- Christmas trees for curbside collection on trash day first 2 full weeks in January
- Saturday Drop-offs operate May through October. First Saturday of each month in Roxbury, second Saturday in Hyde Park, third Saturday in Brighton and fourth Saturday in East Boston.

Household Hazardous Waste

Products labeled poisonous, toxic, flammable, and corrosive or irritants are classified as household hazardous waste, and cannot be collected with your household trash. The City of Boston offers **Household Hazardous Wastes Drop-off Days**, which are held in the spring and fall. Call the Recycling Department at 617-635-4959 for the dates, times and location of the next available Household Hazardous Waste Day. Tires, car batteries and propane tanks are also accepted at the Household Hazardous Waste Day.

Surplus Paint and Used Motor Oil Recycling

The Public Works Department operates four Surplus Paint and Used Motor Oil Recycling centers on Saturdays May through October. First Saturday of each month in Roxbury, second Saturday in Hyde Park, third Saturday in Brighton and fourth Saturday in East Boston.

Acceptable Materials

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| • Paint | • Polyurethane |
| • Stains | • Solvents |
| • Varnishes | • Used motor oil |

Items in good condition are available to residents for free.